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Source

1. On 8 February 1953, eight T-34 tanks, which were dug in as high as the turrets, were seen between Gross Naundorf and Oberlichtenau, south of Koenigsbrueck. During the night of 9 February, the tanks left toward Weissbach near Pulsnitz. At 7:30 a.m. on 11 February, T-34/85 tank [redacted] was entrained at the Koenigsbrueck-east railroad station. On 11 February, five T-34 tanks [redacted] and 45 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia were entrained at the Koenigsbrueck-west railroad station, coming from the Heeresnachrichtenschule.

2. During the night of 10 February, the units stationed in the Fuchsberg Kaserne in Jueterbog left for an exercise in the area west of Jueterbog i.e. in the Malterhauser-Kaltenborn-Niedergoersdorf-Dennewitz area. The units had not returned by 14 February. About 30 percent of the windows of the barracks buildings were lighted after sunset. Source did not observe any traffic at the division headquarters.

1. [redacted] Comment. This is the fourth exercise with tanks which source reported in the area southeast of Koenigsbrueck after 14 January. [redacted]. All the tank units involved apparently belonged to the 11th Gds Tank Div. The tanks loaded on 11 February are also believed to belong to this division.

2. [redacted] Comment. It is believed that elements of the 14th Gds Mecz Div also left for exercises in the area west of Jueterbog during the night of 10 February, as was observed with other divisions in East Germany during the same period. It is possible that the troop movements between the Damm Fliegerhorst and the Fuchsberg Kaserne between 16 and 18 February reported by another source, were also connected with this exercise. [redacted]. The designation division headquarter probably refers to a headquarters building in the Fuchsberg Kaserne, as the Hq 14th Gds Mecz Div is carried in the Neues Finanzamt (revenue office) and, with other elements, in the Bleidcrn Kaserne.